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RE: Request for Extension, As-Built, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-98G, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is seeking a two week extension until April 30, regarding the aforementioned. As I stated in our April 8, meeting, CPMC was going to do everything possible to meet the April 15, deadline, but as things have worked out - has fallen short of its goal.

The magnitude of this endeavor, and snowballing affect, was not fully realized until I began reviewing a past consultant's work and began to immediately notice errors and inconsistencies. CPMC knew that the maps were deficient and has been working on them steady, with the help of EarthFax Engineering, for the past month. One employee for EarthFax welcomed a new daughter into his family and only missed working on the project during the delivery and recovery period. Other EarthFax employees have not had a day off for the past month. I have not seen the inside of my eyelids for any great length of time during the past week.

Work is proceeding well with respect to the maps, as shown to the Division on April 8, but the textural changes are coming more slowly. CPMC wants to submit an as-built package that has very few, if any, deficiencies. When performing a task of this magnitude, it is impossible to identify every inconsistency, especially when fatigue is involved.


With this said, I want to apologize to the Division for ever submitting the September 28, 1998, As-Built Package. At the time, I relied on my consultant to generate the needed documentation because I lacked the site knowledge and was not involved in the day to day permitting and construction of the Willow Creek Mine. If I knew then what I know now, the September 28, 1998, submittal would have never been submitted to the Division.

Not only is modifying the Willow Creek Permit to as-built status challenging, but then incorporating all the permit modifications, approved and those under review, makes this undertaking even more onerous.

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Once again, the Division's patience will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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